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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Atsushi KURABAYASHI )  
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Based on: PCT/JP03/08002 )  
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For: ELECTRIC STAPLER )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows: